President : Then, we shall have non-official business tomorrow itself.

The Council rose for lunch at 12.10 and re-assembled at 2 P. M.

NEW MEMBER.

Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai : (*Director of Public Health*) took the oath of office and then signed the rolls.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION RE: MALARIA IN CERTAIN PAKUTHIES BORDERING ON THE TRIVANDRUM TOWN.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad cum Chirayinkil*) : Sir, I beg leave to move that the business of this House be adjourned for the purpose of discussing the following difinite matter of urgent public importance, namely,

> "For the last three months, in the pakuthies of Maranallur, Perumkadavila, Marukil, Ottasekharamangalam, Kunnathukal and Kattakada of the Neyyattinkara and Nedumangad taluks and also in the karas of Vilappil, Malayinkil, Parod and Karodu bordering on the Trivandrum Town itself, the epidemic of malaria is rampant and still raging with unabated fury causing death to hundreds of fellow-beings and resulting in complete devastation of several whole families. The epidemic is spreading in all directions and several persons have been fleeing from their houses to Trivandrum and other places to escape the fury of the fatal disease. Starvation, misery, and utter ruin face the already suffering people as after-effects of the ravage. The situation thus created deserves the serious notice of this House as well as of the Government."

The subject is one in which I feel so very strongly that I would crave the indulgence of the House if the language or the matter of my speech becomes either uninteresting or unpalatable. This peril of malaria began towards the end of 1109 and began to grow very serious in 1110 and 1111, so much so there was a very serious protest from all people concerned that immediate steps ought to be taken to prevent this ravage. Government also thought that it was high time, to take immediate relief measures to relieve the suffering of the people affected by that disease. Dispensaries were newly started and other measures also were adopted in several pakuthies and the matter reached such a climax that Government even thought it necessary as an urgent measure to depute a special staff of officers in connection with the work of relief. Certain new roads also were constructed in certain of those pakuthies and the people had temporary relief on account of the prompt action taken by the authorities concerned. The non-officials thought that it was high time for them also to do something in the matter.

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